

CONCORDIA



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Stingers

High-flying Stingers launch season with annual cage tourney

The 2000-'01 Concordia Stingers are a young basketball team with high expectations this season.

"We should be competing for a conference championship if things come together as we hope," says head coach John Dore, who is in his 12th year at the helm of the Stingers. "There's no telling how far we can go. A national championship is not an unrealistic goal, but we have a lot of work to do to get to that level."

The spirited bunch will launch its 2000-'01 campaign this Friday with the annual Nike Concordia men's basketball tournament. The UPEI Panthers, RMC Paladins and the Ottawa Gee-Gees will challenge the Stingers for the tournament championship.

This year the Stingers will be young – entering the season no one on the team has played more than two years at the CIAU level. Ability and enthusiasm will make up for experience.

"We are extremely athletic," Dore says. "We play a full-court game and we use our athleticism. Over the last few years we have been one of the top scoring teams in the country and we will continue to be. We're an exciting team to watch. We play the kind of basketball fans like to watch. A bunch of our guys this year can really play above the rim."

Leading the way this season will be Eric Zulu, who plays both guard positions. He was the leading scorer in the CIAU last season with 23.5 points a game. Dore says Zulu is dangerous because of both his athleticism and his ability to shoot the three-pointers.

Wayne Alexander is the heart and soul of the Stingers. He can play power forward, point guard and every position in between. He was the outstanding defensive player in the Quebec conference last year and the Stingers' team MVP.

"We depend on his leadership – on and off the court," says Dore.

Another key veteran is centre Real Kitieu. At six-foot-nine, 245 pounds he is a force to reckon with. He has the ability to dominate games. It's not unusual for him to have 12 blocks in a game.

"Real was probably the leading shot blocker in the country last year," says Dore. "And this year we expect a lot more consistency from him at the offensive end of the court."

Rookies to keep an eye on include James Aubourg, an Industrial Engineering student from Lemoyne, Que. He's a six-foot-two forward who can play inside and out. Also, expect to see good things from Frederic Fraser, a six-foot-six centre who is majoring in Political Science.

The Stingers finished with a 20-13 win-loss record overall in 1999-2000. In the QSSF, the team finished in first place with a 13-7 record and won the Quebec championship in a best of three series with the McGill Redmen.

Nike-Concordia Basketball Tournament Draw

Friday, Oct. 13

Game 1 - RMC vs. Ottawa - 6 p.m.

Game 2 - UPEI vs. Concordia - 8 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 14

Consolation - loser of Game 1 vs. loser of Game 2 - 2 p.m.

Championship - winner of Game 1 vs. winner of Game 2 - 4 p.m.

Zarins joins Vanier Cup organizing committee

George Grant, chairman of the 2000 Vanier Cup organizing committee, announced recently the addition of four new members to the management group, including Concordia director of recreation and athletics Harry Zarins.

The other newcomers are: Bev Greenlaw, Acadia University; Ross Wilson, University of Saskatchewan; and Paul Markle, Toronto Argonauts, vice-president of marketing and sales.

"The addition of the new members gives the committee a truly national profile," said Grant, co-owner and vice-chairman of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. "The Vanier Cup is a national event and we are pleased to have representation on our management committee from across the country."

The 36th annual Vanier Cup will be played on Dec. 2, 2000 at Toronto's SkyDome.

Concordia Athletes of the Week

Jo Anne Belair of the women's soccer team and **Dwayne Bromfield** of the football team have been named Concordia Stinger athletes of the week for the period ending Oct. 9.

Belair, a third-year mid-fielder, was a force in two games for the Stingers on the weekend. In Concordia's 1-0 loss to the Sherbrooke Vert et Or on Sunday, she was named the Stingers' player of the game. Then in Monday's 4-1 win over the UQAM Citadins, Belair collected two goals and was once again selected player of the game. A native of Beaconsfield Que., she is studying in the management program at Concordia.

Bromfield was instrumental in helping his team come within seconds of tying the no.2-ranked Laval Rouge et Or. The 25-year-old linebacker played with heart and determination in his first start of the 2000 season. He collected 15 tackles, including two sacks and two more tackles for losses in the Stingers 29-27 loss. The second leading tackler in the game had nine tackles. Bromfield, a native of Toronto, is studying Leisure Sciences.

Coming Events

Wednesday, Oct. 11

Men's Hockey	UQTR @ Concordia	8 p.m.
Men's Rugby	McGill vs. Concordia	8:30 p.m.
Women's Rugby	Concordia @ McGill	8 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 13

Men's Hockey	Concordia @ Holy Cross	7 p.m.
Women's Hockey	Concordia @ Toronto Tournament	
Men's Basketball	UPEI vs. Concordia (Concordia Nike Tournament)	8 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 14

Football	Concordia @ Guelph	2 p.m.
Women's Soccer	Concordia @ UQTR	noon
Men's Soccer	Concordia @ UQTR	2 p.m.
Men's Hockey	Concordia @ Connecticut	7 p.m.
Women's Basketball	Alberta @ Concordia	7 p.m.
Women's Hockey	Concordia @ Toronto Tournament	
Men's Basketball	Concordia Nike Tournament	
Cross-Country	@ Laval	

Sunday, Oct. 15

Women's Soccer	Bishop's vs. Concordia	3 p.m.
Men's Rugby	Sherbrooke vs. Concordia	1 p.m.
Women's Rugby	Concordia @ Bishop's	1 p.m.
Women's Hockey	Concordia @ Toronto Tournament	

Football (0-5 in the O-QIFC)

Oct. 7	Laval Rouge et Or 29	Concordia Stingers 27
	Dwayne Bromfield - LB	15 tackles, 2 sacks
	Jon Kronemeyer - QB	24 of 55, 357 yards, 2 TDs
	Alain Rousseau - IR	6 catches, 109 yards, two converts
	Ricky Martin - IR	5 catches, 86 yards, 2 TDs

Men's Rugby (2-1 in the QSSF)

No games scheduled

Women's Rugby (4-1 in the QSSF)

Oct. 8	Concordia Stingers 50	Sherbrooke Vert et Or 0
	Candace Patterson	3 tries
	Sommer Christie	2 tries
	Lynda Domazet	2 tries

Men's Soccer (3-2-2 in the QSSF)

Oct. 8	Concordia Stingers 1 Shawn Johal	Sherbrooke Vert et Or 0 1 goal
Oct. 9	UQAM Citadins 1	Concordia Stingers 0

Women's Soccer (4-4 in the QSSF)

Oct. 8	Sherbrooke Vert et Or 1	Concordia Stingers 0
Oct. 9	Concordia Stingers 4 Jo Anne Belair Malika Oberoi Laura Lalonde	UQAM Citadins 1 2 goals 1 goal 1 goal

Women's Hockey (1-0 overall)

Oct. 8	Concordia Stingers 4 Lisa-Marie Breton Annie Surprenant Marie-Claude Allard	Ottawa Gee-Gees 1 2 goals, 1 assist 1 goal 1 goal
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Men's Hockey (1-1 overall)

Oct. 4	UQTR Patriotes 10 Mathieu Fleury Carl Benoit	Concordia Stingers 3 2 goals 2 assists
Oct. 7	Concordia Stingers 5 Chris Page Karl Castonguay	McGill Redmen 4 2 goals 1 goal, 2 assists

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